



Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department



The role of public health is to:

PROMOTE community-wide wellness,

PREVENT disease, and

PROTECT the community from infectious diseases,
environmental hazards, and epidemics

Permanent Supportive Housing Request for Applications

Funding Recommendations

Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee

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Request For Application Requirements

- **Provide supportive services to homeless and chronically homeless individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing**
- **Must serve frequent users of Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) and/or Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH)**
- **Must serve people with criminal histories**
- **“Housing First” model and collaborative programming encouraged**
- **Must have housing units supported with funding from NHCD or Continuum of Care or other HUD funding**

Overview

- **Request for Application (RFA): Due March 21, 2012**
 - \$100,000 on-going: HHSD Operating Budget (\$300,000 over 30 months)
 - \$11,842 one-time: TDHCA Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) Below Market Interest Rate Program (expend by August 31, 2012)
 - \$64,567 one-time: TDHCA HHSP Housing Trust Fund (rent only, expend by August 31, 2012)
- **Two Applicants: Front Steps and Foundation Communities**
 - Reviewed by HHSD, NHCD, and DACC staff members
- **Recommending Front Steps' Application**
 - Housing Authority of Travis County: Housing vouchers for **18 new units** of Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Front Steps: Supportive services for these units *and* for 36 existing PSH units funded through HUD Continuum of Care
 - ATCIC: Mental health services
 - Foundation for the Homeless: Short-term HHSP funds for rental assistance

RCA

**Recommendation for 30-month contract with Front Steps, Inc.
for \$376,409 with two one-year renewals of \$100,000,
not to exceed total of \$576,409**

- Submitted for Council consideration April 26, 2012

Performance Measures

- Unduplicated number of adult residents provided Permanent Supportive Housing services: 54
- Unduplicated number of adults residents who exit Permanent Supportive Housing to safe and stable housing (majority expected to reside in PSH long-term): 50%
- Percentage of individuals obtaining or maintaining public benefits: 80%